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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application dated January 31, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, we enclose (1) an executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney by Masajirou INOUE, Toshihiko SUENAGA, Nobuaki KIMURA and Keisuke ANDOU; (2) a check for \$130.00 to cover the

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surcharge fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e); (4) an English translation including 37 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims and 1 page of abstract; 13 sheets drawings (Figs. 1-21); and a Declaration that the translation is accurate, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.52(d); (6) a check for \$130.00 fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (7) a copy of the Formalities Letter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1 16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
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DECLARATION

I, Katsuhiko Sato of c/o SHIGA INTERNATIONAL PATENT OFFICE, Building, 23-3, Takadanobaba 3-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan, understand both English and Japanese, am the translator of the English document attached, and do hereby declare and state that the attached English document contains an accurate translation of the Japanese specification filed on December 6, 2001, under the filing number 10/010,254, and that all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge.

Declared in Tokyo, Japan

This 20th day of March, 2002

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